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IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1. – 15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method of accessing a server comprising the steps of:
receiving an access request from a client;
instructing a plurality of servers to each operate a bandwidth method in response to receiving the access request, the bandwidth method determining an available bandwidth;
receiving a bandwidth indication from each of the plurality of servers;
selecting an identified server in response to receiving the bandwidth indication from each of the plurality of servers; and
redirecting the client to the identified server.
17. (Currently Amended) The method of accessing a server as set forth in claim 16, the bandwidth method further comprising;
generating a train of packets from each of the plurality of servers to the client;
receiving the train of packets from the client in each of the plurality of servers;
and
computing said available bandwidth in response to generating the train of packets and in response to receiving the train of packets.
18. (Currently Amended) The method of accessing a server as set forth in claim 17, wherein the step of computing said available bandwidth further comprises a step of computing a throughput.
19. (Currently Amended) The method of accessing a server as set forth in claim 17, wherein the step of computing said available bandwidth further comprises a step of computing a delay.

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20. (Currently Amended) The method of accessing a server as set forth in claim 17, wherein the step of computing said available bandwidth further comprises a step of computing a packet loss.

Claims 21. – 27. (Canceled).